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SUBJECT: PERMIT TO CLIMB MOUNT EVEREST

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED DECEMBER 19, 1975
FROM EMBASSY TO REVEREND FORD CONCERNING HIS APPLICATION
TO CLIMB EVEREST, ORIGINAL SENT TO MFA ON DECEMBER 19
AND COPY MAILED TO REV. FORD IN ALASKA ON SAME DATE:
QUOTE I AM WRITING IN REFERENCE TO YOUR APPLICATION TO
THE GOVERNMENT OF NEPAL FOR APPROVAL FOR AN EXPEDITION TO
MOUNT EVEREST IN NEPAL.

TAKING NOTE OF THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE ALASKA ALPINE
CLUB, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ENDORSES YOUR EXPEDITION ONLY
FOR PURPOSES OF MEETING THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 2 (1)
OF THE "RULES GOVERNING MOUNTAINEERING EXPEDITIONS" OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF NEPAL. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS APPROVAL
DOES NOT CONSTITUTE SPONSORSHIP OR AN ASSUMPTION OF
RESPONSIBILITY BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THE
EXPEDITION OR THE ACTIONS OF ANY OF ITS MEMBERS NOR PRECLUDE
THE POSSIBILITY OF ENDORSEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF OTHER
QUALIFIED AMERICAN APPLICANTS WHO MAY SEEK PERMISSION TO
CLIMB MOUNT EVEREST. END QUOTE

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED DECEMBER 19, 1975 FROM
EMBASSY TO MFA CONVEYING STATE DEPARTMENT ENDORSEMENT OF REV.
FORD'S APPLICATION AND ENCLOSING ORIGINAL OF ABOVE EMBASSY
LETTER TO FORD:

QUOTE WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 8 IN WHICH
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YOU REITERATE HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT'S REQUIREMENT FOR A

LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT FOR MOUNTAINEERING EXPEDITIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NATIONALS CONCERNED, I AM FORWARDING WITH THIS LETTER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S ENDORSEMENT OF REVEREND FORD'S APPLICATION TO CLIMB MOUNT EVEREST, HAVING TAKEN NOTE OF THE ENDORSEMENT OF HIS EXPEDITION BY THE ALASKA ALPINE CLUB. THE DEPARTMENT ENDORSES THE REQUEST ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 2 (1) OF THE "RULES GOVERNING MOUNTAINEERING EXPEDITIONS" OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NEPAL. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS APPROVAL DOES NOT CONSTITUTE SPONSORSHIP OR AN ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THE EXPEDITION OR THE ACTIONS OF ANY OF ITS MEMBERS, NOR PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF ENDORSEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF OTHER QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WHO MAY SEEK PERMISSION TO CLIMB MOUNT EVEREST.

THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE AN EXPEDITIOUS REVIEW OF REVEREND FORD'S APPLICATION. END QUOTE.
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